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## President's Message

Joe Olson

Our semiannual Board of Directors meeting will be held in Austin on Sunday, September 18 at the Quality Inn on I-35 South and Oltorf Road, beginning at 9 a.m. As is our custom, the meeting will be held in conjunction with the Austin Texas Coin Club's annual Money Mart show, which begins on September 17. Topics before the Board will include planning the next convention, admission charges, telephone card opportunities and designs, book auction, and any other topics relating to the show. We will also be discussing director liability insurance options, and insurance coverage which may benefit our member clubs and individuals. We welcome any suggestions or ideas you may have, and we look forward to seeing you in Austin.

One of our members deserves our sincere gratitude for his many efforts to promote TNA. Frank Clark has been involved in judging exhibits, writing articles, and serving as District 5 Governor and on countless committees. Frank, your many efforts enable TNA to strive towards one of our stated goals, the pursuit and dissemination of numismatic knowledge. Frank is an authority on banknotes, and we all look forward to reading his next scholarly article.

Finally, the Coins for A's program needs your support. You, as a TNA member, have the wonderful opportunity to encourage a young person to become a better student, citizen and person by rewarding him or her numismatically. Each of you are personally challenged by me to donate one coin and to tell one young person about our program. It is a small gift of ourselves today which could make a difference to our leaders of tomorrow. We need your enthusiastic involvement.

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## From the 1st Vice President...

Leo DeLand

There are some folks who have a past due thanks coming. Without their invaluable assistance, the TNA convention book auction could not have been as successful as it was. Without the help of Helen Snider, Lamonte Pitzer and Bob Metzger tabulating the bids during the auction and feeding information on "book bids," the auction would have taken much longer than it did and it would have been infinitely more difficult. After all was said and done, it was a blessing that they were able to double check one another on the winning bidder and the high bid. Those of you who are TNA members in the areas where Helen, Lamonte and Bob reside, please express your thanks for jobs exceptionally well done.

There are other folks, as well, without whose help the TNA show would have been "tough to do." You can't appreciate it if you weren't there, but Chris Keogh and Everett Hull, his son, Bret and daughter, Vanessa, were setting up and draping tables, moving and placing show cases both for the dealers and exhibitors before the show started and then again after everyone had long departed, checking and repacking everything for the 1995 show. The "thanks" have been said, but they need to be restated. If you had done this thankless job, you would be most appreciative if someone gave you the recognition you so richly deserved. Gratitude to y'all - dadgum, you do well!

Word has reached these ears that the book auction was a success and, hey Leo, let's do another one next year. **ALRIGHT YOU DGs (District Governors) OUT THERE:** If we're going to do an auction in 1995, I need **EVERY District Governor** to earnestly and actively solicit **every member in his or her district** to contribute at least one book to the 1995 auction directly or indirectly. There are three ways one can contribute:

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about this method

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Here are some words of wisdom from Thomas Jefferson: "I place economy among the first and most important virtues, and public debt as the greatest of dangers to be feared. To preserve our independence we must not let our rulers load us with perpetual debt. If we run into such debts, we must be taxed in our meat and drink, in our necessities and in our comforts, in our labor and in our amusements. If we can prevent the government from wasting the labor of the people, under the pretense of caring for them, they will be happy." How about them apples?

Be kind to each other out there!



## A Few Words From the Editor

Bob Metzger

Late again. What can I say? I made my annual pilgrimage to the ANA Anniversary Convention, thus falling behind on my TNA news editor responsibilities. Although I missed the first 97 "ANA's" (1891-1987), I've made it to 5 of the last 6, and am planning on attending the next 97. Have you ever wondered why a person living in central Texas would travel to a location such as Pittsburgh, Chicago, Orlando, Baltimore or Detroit to attend a coin show? Well, so does my wife. Let me try to explain. A little peek into my diary may help.

**Wednesday, July 27:** The alarm clock goes off at 4:30 a.m., so that I can shave, eat a quick breakfast and make it to the airport on time for my 6:25 flight. My wife dutifully transports me to the airport, where I unexpectedly encounter TNAer Dean McClelland. We change planes in Dallas, where TNA Treasurer Mike Grant is waiting at our departure gate. Mike and I have arranged this meeting so that I can take the TNA's newly-acquired jo/a to the show for authentication, a necessary procedure for TNA to properly insure it. Mike, Dean and I each take a quick turn admiring the piece, before I secure it a secret location which I hope I can later recall. We get into Detroit around noon, and on my way to the baggage area, I see TNAer and recent ANA honoree Thomas Law. Dean, Tom and myself share a taxi to Cobo Hall, enjoying the 65 degree air coming in through the partially rolled-down windows. By 2:00 p.m., I have my photo ID (I'm an exhibit judge) and have determined that my roommate, Pennsylvania TNAer Wayne Homren, and I no longer have a hotel room reservation. This is in spite of a half dozen phone calls by Wayne and myself over the previous four months, and a small hoard of confirmations from the hotel. I head back over to Cobo to find Wayne and attend the 400 exhibit judges meeting. After the meeting Wayne (he's an exhibit judge, too) and I go back across the street to the hotel, where we engage in battles of wits with increasingly higher level but unarmed hotel personnel. They finally agree to arrange a room for us in Windsor, Canada, and transportation to this location. Exhausted, and wanting to get on with numismatic activities, we agree, on the condition that we be transported to Canada at 10:00 p.m. We head back to Cobo, where we catch up with Ohio TNAer Ken Lowe, Myron Xenos, and David and Sherry Sklow, bibliophiles all, for dinner. Turns out that Ken's and Myron's reservations were also screwed up (yep, same hotel). To demonstrate that we have a sense of humor, and sense enough to stay off the streets of Detroit after dark, we have an enjoyable dinner in the restaurant of this now notorious establishment. Well, at least the food was good, and the company was terrific. At the appointed hour, Wayne and I head over to the front desk for directions to our ride to Canada. Obviously, the current crew has been warned about us, and we get our ride without incident. After getting checked into our room abroad, and



learning that the cost is about 60% of what the original hotel was to cost, we actually retire feeling pretty fortunate. Oh, there' is one small hitch. We can only have the room through Friday, since the hotel is sold out Saturday night. Wayne has a ride home on Saturday if he wants, but my flight home is on Sunday. I'm too tired to be worried.

**Thursday, July 28:** We get a ride back to the U.S. from some fellow ANAers. Customs is somewhat perfunctory, although our answer to why we were in Canada is more detailed than they require. I make it to the 10:00 a.m. Numismatic Literary Guild Symposium, where Q. David Bowers and Scott Travers share their ideas on how to write a numismatic book. Great stuff, including a lot of information on getting your book published and distributed. At noon I attend Wayne's Numismatic Theater Presentation on Encased Postage Stamps. He has some fantastic slides, and he knows this stuff inside out. It's hard to believe he wasn't actually right there during the Civil War. I miss the 1:00 meeting of the Token and Medal Society so that I can both eat and do some exhibit judging. John Ford's 3:00 talk, "When the Coin Business Was Fun," has at least 100 people in attendance. Ford is a preeminent raconteur, and has rubbed shoulders with probably every prominent numismatist of the last half-century. He brings down the house with the umpteenth retelling of a story involving a significant purchase of rare coins by Mrs. Henry Norweb, her mink coat, Walter Breen, and Walter's chocolate candy bar. Afterwards, I finally spend a little time on the bourse, and purchase a few Civil War store cards and a handful of books. Wayne and I hook up with John Burns who will, on Friday, win the World Series of Numismatics with partner John Kraljevich, and Jerry Porter, who has written a book on elephants on coins, for a Cajun dinner in Greektown. Go figure. We all make it back to Cobo for the Numismatic Bibliomania Society Symposium, featuring fascinating talks by Fred Lake, Wayne, Joel Orosz and Michael Sullivan. From there we head over to the NLG bash, where we are treated to dumb parodies of bad songs, forced puns, and stupid jokes, all with a numismatic flavor. We are in heaven. Afterwards, Wayne and I survive a trip through the darkened streets to catch a bus back across the border.

**Friday, July 29:** I catch an early bus to be on time for the 9:00 a.m. Early American Coppers meeting. An announcement is made that an EACer has discovered a new large cent variety at the show. This is an incredible find, and he is heartily congratulated, even though just about everyone present had already heard of his find through the grapevine. There is some good information from Mark Borckardt regarding his completion of Walter Breen's book on large cents, which will now need to be revised to include the new variety. The EAC meeting is immediately followed by the Numismatic Bibliomania Society meeting. As usual, I'm soaking up information like a sponge. After the NBS meeting, I rush around to get with the other judges in the two classes of exhibits I have judged (Western Americana and Numismatic Literature) ,

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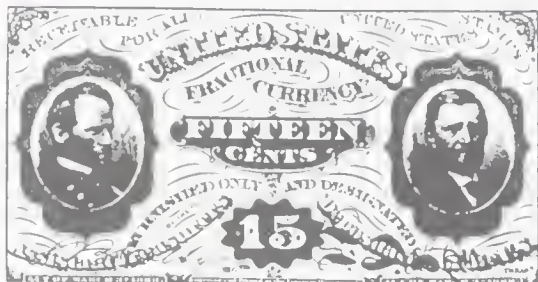
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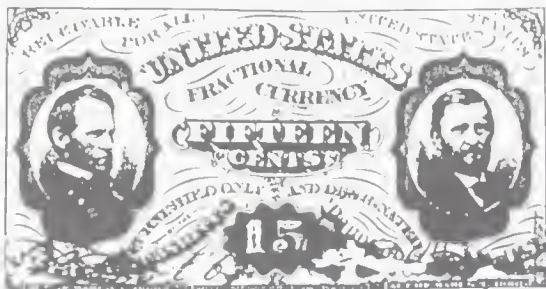
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Grant/Sherman -  
The Note That Never Was  
by Benny Bolin

Fractional currency was issued between 1862 and 1876 in five separate issues. It was printed due to widespread hoarding of coins during the Civil War, which created an extreme shortage of a medium which was vitally needed to make change in everyday commerce. Each new issue of fractional currency was necessitated by counterfeiting of the previous issues. The third issue was printed between December 5, 1864 and August 16, 1869 by the National Currency Bureau (the present day BEP). It is possible that the issue was originally intended to have denominations of only five, ten, twenty-five and fifty cents, the same as the first two issues, since in a March, 1865 article in *Bankers Magazine* entitled "The New Fractional Currency," only these denominations were mentioned. No mention was made of either the three cent or fifteen cent denominations, which are indeed a part of the issue. The fifteen cent Grant/Sherman notes were initially printed solely for use on the Fractional Currency Shields, which were already in production and had places reserved and printed for these notes. There is evidence that these were, in all likelihood, to be issued as regular issue notes. The December, 1867 edition of *Bankers Magazine* contained the following announcement: "The Secretary of the Treasury has decided upon issuing a new denomination of fractional currency, that of fifteen cents, to meet the general demand for something that will aid in the convenience of making change between the ten and twenty-five cent denominations. The specimens prepared are a little larger than the ten cent notes, handsomely engraved and embellished by excellent portraits of Grant and Sherman." Two other facts could also lead to this supposition. The notes were printed on regular bond issue from Treasury hoards, not the watermarked CSA paper that other specimens were printed on, indicating that they were printed from a regular order, rather than a specimen order. Also, the plates were maintained with the updated signatures of the different Registers of the Treasury as they took office. However, there was a federal law (Act of April 7, 1866) in effect, forbidding the use of the likeness of any living person on any United States notes. This law was a direct result of Spencer Morton Clark having placed his own likeness on the five cent note of the same issue. So, with this law in effect, why were these notes printed, seemingly for general release? It would have taken a Congressional Act for them to have been issued. During this time, Andrew Johnson was running for president and was touring the country with General Grant. Possibly, Johnson felt that honoring Grant with his likeness on a United States note would be a fitting tribute for such a great war hero (and for his help with the election). However, the two seemed to have different views on many things, and began to drift apart. The final blow came when



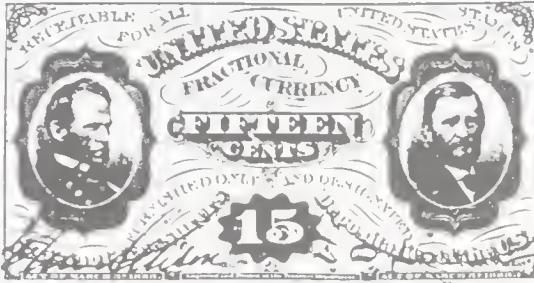
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"Machine Engraved"*



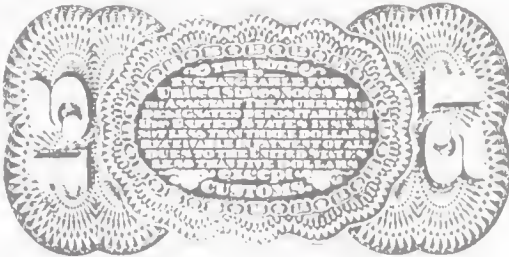
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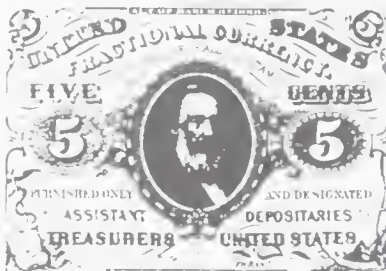
*F.E. Spinner and Noah Jeffries in office  
October 5, 1867 to April 3, 1869*



*F.E. Spinner and John Allison, in office  
April 3, 1869 to April 1, 1878*



*Reverse  
(comes in both red and green)*



*Spencer Morton Clark  
(used own portrait on five cent note)*

then President Johnson compelled Secretary of War Stanton to resign. Johnson appointed Grant to the post, but the Senate refused to accept both Stanton's resignation and Grant's appointment. Therefore, Grant voluntarily stepped aside. This led to a formal break with President Johnson and probably the loss of his support for the Congressional Act needed to have his portrait on the notes. Therefore, they exist today only as uniface notes, as "Proofs" (wide margins) and as "Specimens" (narrow margins, used on shields). A June, 1867 Treasury inventory showed that a total of 9016 sets were printed. There were 8511 sets still outstanding in 1893.

*The above article was the text of Benny Bolin's exhibit of the Grant/Sherman note which won Best of Show at this year's TNA Convention. Mr. Bolin will serve as exhibit chairman for the 1995 TNA Convention. He enclosed the following note with his article.*

*"Hello, and let me introduce myself. I am going to serve as TNA exhibit chairman next year. (Any volunteers for an assistant?) I have been a collector for the past thirty-one years, starting when I was eight years old. I started out collecting coins and migrated to Fractional Currency and South Carolina obsolete notes. I have been exhibiting since 1985 and have won multiple awards, including the people's choice award at the ANA Early Spring Convention in 1992 and TNA's Best of Show in 1992 and 1994. I want to encourage everyone to start planning now to place an exhibit at the TNA Convention in 1995. Exhibits are a unique way to show off your collection and knowledge as well as to educate others on your particular aspect of the hobby. Over the next year, I will be placing short articles on exhibiting in the TNA News. I will cover how to plan and put together exhibits and will dispell the myths of exhibiting. My goal is to have everyone in TNA place at least a one-case exhibit (lolly huh?) If you have any input and/or questions, please write me at Route One, Box 331B, Allen, TX 75002."*

# An Unexpected Feast

by Bob Metzger

My company had its annual picnic on Saturday, June 11, a few miles northwest of San Antonio, at a place I am sure most of you have at least heard of, Fiesta Texas. I believe this is what is referred to as a "theme park." The theme, near as I can tell, is "A fool and his money are soon parted." You pay a fairly large admission price, which admits you to the park, all rides, musical shows, and the water park (very important for one's survival at this time of year). You also have the opportunity to spend even more money on food and various kinds of "skill" games where you can win huge, ugly stuffed animals, garish hats, and other similarly useless items. Had my employer not provided my ticket for free and my wife's and kids' tickets at an enormous discount, this is probably one of the last places on earth that I would have chosen to spend a Saturday with temperature and humidity racing to see which would reach the 100 mark first.

Needless to say, this sounded like a once in a lifetime chance to the rest of the family (I should be so lucky), so we drove the nearly 110 miles to Fiesta Texas bright and early that morning. Well, early. We went straight to The Rattler, "the world's scariest and most unsafe wooden roller coaster" or something like that (watch it flex!). After riding with my 9 year old son in the FRONT car of this engineering marvel, I tried to get my eyes to focus, my hair to stop standing on end, and my breakfast to agree to stay with me for awhile longer. My eyes were the first to cooperate, slowly but surely focusing on a machine, not two feet away, into which I was invited to insert two quarters and a penny (obviously, they know that if you're at Fiesta Texas, you don't have any cents...ahem). The return on this investment would be your "penny," squashed into an oval shape and imprinted with an entirely new design. Not one to ignore a numismatic opportunity, I fished two quarters out of my wife's purse and bummed a cent from a passerby (like Charles Barkley, I never claimed to be a role model), and replaced the tired old portrait of Abe with a picture of...The Rattler. Cool. It even said "The Rattler" over the top of the design, in case your eyes were still too rattled to see the finer detail of the pictorial. The day was definitely looking more promising...

Over the rest of the day, I found ten more of these cent improvement machines, each imparting a different design. My wife strongly discouraged me from liberating one cent pieces for my latest obsession from the various wishing wells scattered around the park, so I took a ten dollar bill from her purse and talked a cashier into converting it into a pocketful of quarters and cents. While my younger son spent four dollars to shoot basketballs at an impossibly small and distant basket, I spent \$5.50 to come away with eleven one cent pieces bearing various designs that will forever be a reminder of our fun-filled, heat-filled day



at Fiesta Texas. My son managed to hit two of his four shots, resulting in his winning two basketballs, one bearing the logo of the University of Texas and the other, the University of North Carolina. All the adults around him looked at him with unmitigated jealousy, as they continued to lay down their dollars and miss their shots. He was ecstatic. I was happy. and then, when I remembered that my wife had agreed to do the driving back home, also became ecstatic.

By Sunday afternoon, my eyes had quit bouncing up and down from The Rattler and I had stopped perspiring. I sat down and took a good look at my small hoard of elongated coins. They are quite nicely done. The rolling pressure seems a little high, since BOTH sides of the original design are pretty much obliterated, making it impossible to tell whether the new design was rolled onto the obverse or the reverse. Other than that, they really are nice, and the designs are well-executed, and you could certainly make a good argument in favor of obliterating both sides of the Lincoln cent design after all these years.

Sometimes you find numismatic opportunities in the unlikeliest places.

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### *Editor, continued from page 9*

so that we can get all the paperwork turned in on time. I grab a quick bite to eat, and head off to the 1.00 meeting of the Colonial Coin Collectors Club. The new C4 constitution and bylaws are approved, and the first slate of elected officers is introduced. It is really exciting, being present for the first official membership meeting of this club. I was present last year at the organizational meetings, and we now have a real club, with over 50 members actually present at the meeting. From the C4 meeting, I head back to the bourse, where I look at a lot of nice copper, and sit and chat with Oklahoma TNAer Chris McCawley. His wife and sons are helping him out at the show, and Chris and I talk about kids, schools, swimming, running, and I think even a little about copper. I go by the NBS table, and have a chat with Armand Champa (watch for Bowers and Merena's upcoming sale of his incredible library). Scott Rubin, Fred Lake, and a handful of others. At 4:00, I sit in for awhile on Philip Mossman's talk on "Money of Pre-Federal America," but once I recognize that he's mostly covering material that appears in his award-winning book, I decide to head back to the bourse. Mossman's book is a masterpiece, and I have been reading it off and on since May. After a few more book purchases, Wayne and I meet up and head across the street for pizza. We return just in time to see John and John emerge victorious in the World Series, and at 7:30 p.m. we're ready for the Colonial Coin Symposium. Mike Hodder, Tom Rinaldo, John Ford, Dave Bowers and Ken Bressett share their perspectives on pre-federal coins, tokens and medals. Later, Wayne heads off for a victory party with the

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# Secretary's Notes

Barbara Lowell

Welcome to members #5846 through 5862 and life member #175. The following have applied for membership. If approved, they will become members September 1, 1994.

- R-5863 {D-05} Tom Ragsdale, 1117 Parkwood Pl, Irving, TX 75060. Lincoln Cents. Frank Clark.
- J-5864 {D-06} Carlo A. Mondragon, 3306 Hidden Creek, Sugar Land, TX 77479. Silver coins, old dollars. Ralph Ross.
- J-5865 {D-06} Ali Raza, 1800 Austin Parkway #1812, Sugar Land, TX 77479. Coins. Ralph Ross.
- J-5866 {D-06} Asif T. Ali, 4218 W. Meadows Dr, Sugar Land, TX 77479. Ralph Ross.
- J-5867 {D-06} Dilif Mulani, 2230 Sunset Tr, Sugar Land, TX 77478. Ralph Ross.
- R-5868 {D-TN} Larry Melton, P.O. Box 243, Old Hickory, TN 37138. Music City Coin Exchange. Secretary.
- R-5869 {D-01} J. Russell Prinzinger, 7405 Windhaven Rd, Fort Worth, TX 76180. Seated liberty half dollars. Fred Gowdy.
- R-5870 {D-06} Jerry Clemons, P.O. Box 691984, Houston, TX 77269. General U.S. Jerry Williams.
- R-5871 {D-05} Antonio De Leon, P.O. Box 535641, Grand Prairie, TX 75053. Morgan dollars, \$20 liberties. Secretary.
- J-5872 {D-06} Khatri Sarfraz, 6314 Oakburl Ln, Sugar Land, TX 77479. Rupees and Vietnamese coins. Ralph Ross.
- J-5873 {D-06} Kashif Gaddi, 42 Dartmoor, Sugar Land, TX 77479. Foreign currency. Ralph Ross.
- J-5874 {D-06} Asif Sayani, 1800 Austin Parkway #1503, Sugar Land, TX 77479. All coins. Peter Keller.
- R-5875 {D-01} Thomas H. Law, 3200 Bank One Tower, Fort Worth, TX 76102. English gold coins. Mac & Eleanor Kennady.
- R-5876 {D-01} Ron Kersey, P.O. Box 48214, Fort Worth, TX 76148-8214. Type coins and bust halves. Secretary.
- R-5877 {D-IN} Clif Brackins, P.O. Box 424, Winchester, IN 47394. Silver Towne. Secretary.
- R-5878 {D-05} Craig Rose, P.O. Box 293864, Lewisville, TX 75067. Numis Europa. Secretary.
- R-5879 {D-05} Mark Thurber, P.O. Box 742435, Dallas, TX 75374-2435. I.C.D. Secretary.
- R-5880 {D-05} Don Nelms, P.O. Box 742435, Dallas, TX 75374-2435. I.C.D. Secretary.
- R-5881 {D-GA} Steven Parker, P.O. Box 515, Roswell, GA 30077. Secretary.
- R-5882 {D-CA} Maurice Ponsart, P.O. Box 93134, Los Angeles, CA

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- R-5883 {D-CA} Greg Katz, P.O. Box 93134, Los Angeles, CA 90093.  
Giovani Coins. Secretary.
- R-5884 {D-01} Norma Overdorf, 4024 Rufe Snow, North Richland  
Hills, TX 76180. Double "O" Dollars. Secretary
- R-5885 {D-05} Jay Rudo, 15301 Dallas Parkway, Suite 200,  
Dallas, TX 75248. Dillon Gage, Inc. Secretary
- R-5886 {D-FL} Phil Aftoora, 813 E. Bloomingdale #178, Brandon,  
FL 33511 The Collector Base. Secretary.
- R-5887 {D-FL} Bill Robinson, 813 E. Bloomingdale #178, Brandon,  
FL 33511. The Collector Base. Secretary.
- R-5888 {D-OK} Charles Milacek, RR 2, Box H8, Waukomis, OK  
73773. C & M Coins. Secretary.
- R-5889 {D-CA} Del Bland, 737 Coddington Center, Santa Rosa, CA  
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- R-5890 {D-CO} Barney Meador, 495 Marble Rd, Westcliffe, CO  
81252 Barney's Coins. Secretary.
- R-5891 {D-MI} John Groot, 522 28th St SW, Grand Rapids, MI  
49509. Ace Coin & Stamp. Secretary
- R-5892 {D-05} Jim Stoutjesdyk, Heritage Plaza, Dalas, TX 75205-  
2788 Heritage Capital Corp. Secretary
- R-5893 {D-05} Robert Hughes, Heritage Plaza, Dalas, TX 75205-  
2788 Heritage Capital Corp. Secretary
- R-5894 {D-05} Kirk Wouk, P O Box 472144, Garland, TX 75041  
American Gold Eagle. Secretary.
- R-5895 {D-13} Ollie L. Garrett, 300 Mansard St, Vernon, TX  
76384 U.S. coins. Raymond E. Whyborn
- R-5896 {D-06} Charles A. Campbell III, 3919 Fairmont #229,  
Pasadena, TX 77504-3063. Top Coin Company. Secretary.
- R-5897 {D-04} Terry Frierson, 1459 Hawea Ct Bastrop, TX  
78602 Secretary.

V.I.P. Award: Ralph Ross

Junior V.I.P. Award: Peter Keller

#### ADDRESS CHANGES

- R-4629 Elmer Herndon, 4014 Lotus Dr, Pearland, TX 77584
- R-5313 Leonard Standley, Box 2797, Littleton, CO 80161
- R-5804 Tommy Hardegree, Box 171261, Arlington, TX 76003-1261
- R-5824 Jim Syler, 100 Independence Pl, Suite 316, Tyler, TX 75703

#### DECEASED

- A-2020 Catheren England, Bracketville TX
- R-1379 Russell G Hancock, Mountain View, AR

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R-2408	David R. Cervin	where needed
R-3191	Bernard H. Loebe	where needed
R-4223	Millard P. Brown	where needed
R-4886	Gordon Haegelin	where needed
R-5311	F. Cooper Wardlow	where needed

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two Johns, but I opt for the bus back to Canada. It turns out that every teenager in Michigan catches that bus on Friday night, since the drinking-age enforcement people in Canada apparently can't tell a 14-year-old from an 18-year-old. I get a seat in the elderly/handicapped section of the bus.

**Saturday, July 30:** Wayne and I attend the ANA Numismatic Information Network Users Conference at 10:00 a.m. The room is pleasingly crowded, and we have a very good session. It's terrific to put faces with all the fingertips I've been communicating with. At noon I attend Denis Loring and Donna Levin's program on "How to Protect Your Large Cents from Dampness, Dirt & Divorce." It is a classic. At 2:00, it's J.S.G. Boggs' "Art and Money." Wayne had written the cover story in the May *Numismatist* on Boggs, so I've talked to him quite a few times already during the show. I buy an "Intelligence Test" t-shirt from Boggs, and get him to sign it. Later, I get United States Treasurer Mary Ellen Withrow to sign it. What fun! I buy a few more Civil War store cards, and head off to the Westin Hotel, where Houston TNAer Bernard Loebe has agreed to share his room with me for the night, if we can get a rollaway bed. I run into Bob Fritsch, whom I've met through NIN, and he generously offers me the extra bed already in his room. We head upstairs to get me settled, and then off to the ANA Banquet, to which, as an exhibit judge, I hold a complimentary ticket. I eat and run, heading over to the McCawley-Grellman copper auction. The prices go through the roof, and I go away empty handed. I retire to Bob Fritsch's room, and we talk into the wee hours about all the fun we have had.

**Sunday, July 31:** Bob has an early flight, so we vacate the room around 6:30 a.m. I meet up with a couple of other NIN subscribers at breakfast, and we eat and talk for about an hour and a half. I head back to Cobo, pick up a couple of more books, and bid everyone I can find goodbye. By 11:30, I'm off to the airport and on my way home. Despite the rough beginning, I have had a terrific time, and am already looking forward to next year's convention in Anaheim, near Disneyland. I hope to see you all there!

# Balance Sheet

## Mike Grant - Treasurer

January 1, 1994 - July 1, 1994

### ASSETS:

#### Current Assets

Cash - checking	\$ 15, 989 61
Jr. Report Card Fund	50.00
ANA Jr. Seminar Fund	1,168.25
TNA Memorial Library Fund	692.58

#### Investments

CD Life Membership Fund	\$ 10,146 33
CD	10,000.00

Total Current Assets	\$ 36,185.94
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### LIABILITIES & EQUITY:

Current Liabilities	\$ 0.00
Long Term Liabilities	0.00
Total Liabilities	\$ 0.00

#### Equity

Retained Earnings	\$ 25,754.32
Current Period Net Income	10,431.62

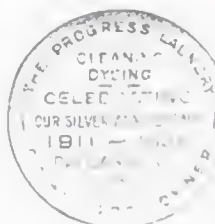
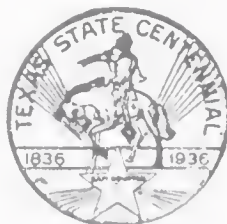
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# Statement of Income and Loss

Mike Grant - Treasurer

May 1, 1994 - July 1, 1994

## REVENUE:

Dues	\$ 3,146.00	
Donations	30.00	
Advertising	1,186.00	
Medal Sales	1,277.50	
Annual Show	5,000.00	
Interest	49.43	
Jr. Report Card Fund	50.00	
ANA Jr. Seminar Fund	100.00	
Library Auction	1,650.65	
Phone Cards	225.00	
Returned Check Payment	2.00	
<b>Total Revenue</b>		<b>\$ 12,716.58</b>

## EXPENSES:

President Expenses	\$ 130.50	
Vice President Expenses	229.59	
Treasurer Expenses	123.08	
Secretary Allowance	350.00	
Secretary Expenses	132.46	
Editor Allowance	200.00	
Editor Expenses	177.27	
Medals Officer Expenses	149.40	
Printing Costs	264.00	
Postage	50.50	
Awards	178.16	
Y.N. Dinner	200.00	
Insurance	100.00	
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$ 2,284.96</b>

<b>Income From Operations</b>	<b>\$ 10,431.62</b>
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## Calendar Of Events

- Aug 6-7**                      **Amarillo, TX**                      **165 Tables**  
 Golden Spread Coin Club, Inc. Annual Collectors Show  
 Amarillo Civic Center, Exhibits Hall, 3rd & Buchanan (downtown)  
 Contact: Nela Runkle, (806) 355-1702  
 4304 Jennie Av, Amarillo, TX 79106-6033
- Aug 6-7**                      **Bellaire (Houston), TX**                      **33 Tables**  
 Bellaire Coin Show  
 Bellaire Civic Center, 7000 South Rice  
 Contact: V Gregg Nolan, (713) 667-4734
- Aug 27-28**                      **Fort Worth, TX**                      **65 Tables**  
 23rd Annual Summer Coin & Stamp Show  
*Sponsored by Joe and Linda Wade*  
 Green Oaks Inn, 6901 West Freeway - IH30  
 Contact: Joe or Linda, (817) 485-1777  
 6420 Diamond Loch, Fort Worth, TX 76180
- Sep 10**                      **El Campo, TX**  
 Ricebelt Coin Show 10th Annual Coin Show  
 American Legion Hall, Hwy 71 South of Hwy 59  
 Call Walter Brewer, (409) 543-2243 or  
 Gerd Conner, (409) 543-3493 or  
 Grace Vaclavik, (409) 543-5229 or  
 Johnnie Bartosh, (409) 543-3600
- Sep 17-18**                      **Austin, TX**                      **35 Tables**  
 Austin Texas Coin Club 35th Annual Money Mart  
 Quality Inn South, 2200 South IH 35  
 Write: ATCC, PO Box 1225, Austin, TX 78767
- Sep 17-18**                      **Irving, TX**                      **75 Tables**  
 Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex Coin and Card Show  
*Sponsored by Doug Davis and Paul Garner*  
 Airport Inn, 120 West Airport Freeway (Old Highway 183)  
 Contact: Doug or Paul, Box 224584, Dallas, TX 75222-4584
- Sep 24**                      **McKinney, TX**  
 Coin Show, *sponsored by the Collin County Coin Club*  
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Abilene Civic Center, 1100 N 6th  
Call: Randall Thornton, (915) 677-1936 or  
Russell Souders, 698-5151

**Oct 22-23                      Beaumont, TX                      33 Tables**

Southeast Texas Coin & Collectibles Spring Show  
*Jointly sponsored by Beaumont, Orange, Port Arthur & Silsbee Clubs*  
Holiday Inn (Houston Room), Beaumont Plaza, 3950 I-10 South  
Contact: Jack Provost, (409) 385-9272  
P O Box 1676, Silsbee, TX 77656

**Oct 29-30                      Fort Worth, TX                      54 Tables**

Fort Worth Coin Club 33rd Annual Coin Show  
Green Oaks Inn, I-30 & Green Oaks Road  
Write: FWCC, 2218 W. Rosedale Street South, Fort Worth, TX 76110  
Call: Bob Slocum, (817) 923-5510 or Elleta Havens, (817) 626-6783

**Nov 11-13                      Grapevine, TX**

9th Annual Dallas Coin Exposition (with Auction by Heritage)  
DFW Hilton, 1800 Highway 26E  
Write: DCSE, 3950 Concordia Lane, Fallbrook, CA 92028 or  
Call: (619) 728-1300; Heritage: (800) US-COINS

**Nov 19-20                      Irving, TX                      75 Tables**

Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex Coin and Card Show  
*Sponsored by Doug Davis and Paul Garner*  
Airport Inn, 120 West Airport Freeway (Old Highway 183)  
Contact: Doug or Paul, Box 224584, Dallas, TX 75222-4584

**Nov 25-27                      Houston, TX                      65 Tables**

Coin Show, *sponsored by the Pasadena Coin Club*  
Hobby Airport Hilton, 8181 Airport Blvd  
Write: PCC, Box 58155, Houston, TX 77258 or  
Call: Bill Chase, (713) 326-1286

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**Jan 13-15                      Houston, TX                      120 Tables**

Greater Houston Coin Club's 38th Money Show  
J.W. Marriott Exhibit Center, 5150 Westheimer (across from Galleria)  
Call: Byron Paris, (713) 558-1540

Feb 11

Pharr, TX

50 Tables

Hidalgo Coin Club Coin & Collectible Show

Pharr Civic Center, 1011 W. Kelly

Contact: Mike DiGennaro, (210) 425-3845

2001 N Parkwood, Harlingen, TX 78550

Feb 24-26

El Paso, TX

64 Tables

International Coin Club of El Paso Annual Show

Quality Inn, Bassett Center

Write: ICC of El Paso, P.O. Box 3535, El Paso, TX 79923

Mar 25-26

Lubbock, TX

75 Tables

South Plains Coin Club 35th Annual Coin & Sports Card Show

Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, 1501 6th St

Write: SPCC Show Chairman, P.O. Box 6326, Lubbock, TX 79493

Call: Ed Chauncey, (806) 792-2245

Mar 31-Apr 2

Fort Worth, TX

160 Tables

Texas Numismatic Association 37th Convention

Tarrant County Convention Center, 111 Houston Street

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P.O. Box 9107, Fort Worth, TX 76147

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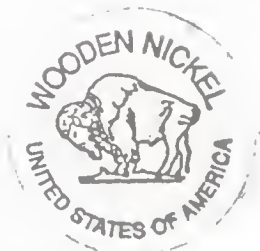
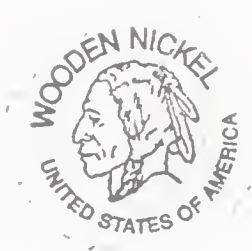
# The Austin Texas Coin Club

by Francis Smith & Hary Barnette

The Austin Texas Coin Club is sponsoring its 35th annual coin show on September 17-18, 1994 at the Quality Inn South, I-35 and Oltorf in Austin. The club was chartered in 1955 and has met at several locations in North Austin and downtown, including a long stint at the Travis County Court House. The club currently meets in the O. Henry Room of the Austin History Center (old main library), 810 Guadalupe. To help advertise the current show, the club voted to have wooden nickels made. The remaining wooden nickels will be given to those attending the show, until the supply is exhausted.

The 1994 club officers are: President, Francis Smith; V.P., Owen Smith; Secretary-Treasurer, Harry Barnette; Curator, Hal Chesner; and Board of Directors, Moton Crockett and Jack Scantlen. Moton first attended a club meeting in 1955, and joined the club in 1956. He is the longest active member of the club.

Many individuals have served and contributed to the club over the years. A special thanks goes to the following: Lyman Barteel, Dr. Bob Greenwood (deceased), Bill Fowler, Kermit Nygard, Dick Mowrey, Fred Barkley, and Mac and Eleanor Kennedy.



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Okay, so it is a good thing I have a real job and don't rely on writing slogans to support my family. Let me introduce myself. My name is Benny Bolin, and I have volunteered to be exhibit chairman at TNA '95. I started collecting coins when I was 8 years old and then moved to paper money in 1982. I primarily collect fractional currency and South Carolina Obsolete currency. I began exhibiting in 1987 and truly love it. I think that besides getting to show off one's collection, exhibits educate people about our hobby. I encourage each and everyone of you to exhibit at TNA '95. In the coming issues of the *TNA News*, I will place more ditties on exhibiting. In the next issue look for **"Can't? Can, too! - Dispelling the Myths of NOT Exhibiting"**. Then, in the December issue, **"Show It, and They Will Come - How to Do an Exhibit"** and in the February issue I will publish the exhibit rules and an application.

Please feel free to contact me at Route One, Box 331B, Allen, TX 75002 with any questions or ideas, or to get applications or more information on exhibiting. I really look forward to many new (and old) exhibits at TNA '95.

P.S. The top "excuse" for not exhibiting is lack of time. Well, by my calculations, if you start now, you have about seven months.



## **Croatian Philatelic Society Sets Largest Auction**

The 1994 auction of the Croatian Philatelic Society features more than 560 lots, including philatelic literature and dealer lots.

The list of items to be offered includes stamps, currency, cinderella items, souvenir sheets, post cards, covers and rarities from some 40 different countries. No commission will be charged to bidders. The auction is open to the public.

The auction listing is available from the auctioneer, Robert S. Tomlinson, 4101 Five Oaks Drive #7, Durham, NC 27707-5259. The cost to U.S. collectors is \$2.00, postpaid. Overseas collectors should send four international reply coupons for air mail delivery.



## District Meetings

### DISTRICT III

Eighteen members of Brownwood's **Central Texas Coin Club** were joined by a couple of guests for the club's June 6 meeting. Pete Eads brought pictures of and books about U.S. large cents for the evening's program. A good time was reported by all.

Due to the Independence Day holiday, the July meeting was held on the 11th day of the month. There was no formal program, but twenty-two members and two guests enjoyed a very good auction and meeting.

--Jay Rhodes, club Secretary

The June 20 meeting of the **Heart of Texas Coin Club** was attended by nine members and a guest. There was a discussion regarding the possibility of holding a one-day show in Brady on the Sunday following the San Angelo club's Saturday show. Bob Bills donated a 2 peso gold coin to be used as an award for the person with the most correct answers on a quiz about U.S. commemoratives. The winner was Leslie Hodges.

--Bob Bills, District III Governor

The June 2 meeting of the **Key City Coin Club** was called to order with fifteen members and two guests in attendance. After the reading of the minutes, flyers promoting the club's October show in Abilene were passed out to everyone. Bob Keipley gave a program on Indian cents. After a short recess, an auction concluded the meeting.

--Frances Thornton, club Secretary

### DISTRICT IV

The May 5 **Williamson County Coin Club** meeting was attended by twelve members and two guests. Old business included discussions of the club post office box, newspaper advertising and programs for future meetings. New business included a discussion of such diverse topics as the medicinal value of yarrow (an indigenous herb), and the future of holograms in numismatics. J.C. Wang gave the evening's program, on Chinese money. Erin Davis announced that she had won a scholarship to the ANA Summer Conference, and everyone present extended their congratulations.

The June 2 meeting was attended by eleven members. There was a discussion of the club's TNA membership status. Chuck Elkins gave the

night's program, a study of the coins of the House of Constantine. The family's tree is a complicated one, and it was explained well. The long reign of Constantine, 30 years, laid the groundwork for years of hostility between family members. Numerous power grabs are reflected in the coinage of the time. Two of the reasons for the "Great" in Constantine the Great were his long reign and his codification of Roman law. The transition from the Roman to the Byzantine Empire, as it relates to coinage, was also discussed. After Chuck's interesting program, the meeting adjourned.

--Erin Davis, club Secretary

## DISTRICT V

The April 21 meeting of the **Collin County Coin Club** was called to order by Gary Rollins, with sixteen members and seven guests in attendance. The club welcomed new member Bobby Standlee, whose auction lots of sealed boxes with a money-back guarantee were a big hit. Members said it was like Christmas in April. Dee Vee Lee gave an informative program on how attending coin shows, big or small, can be fun and profitable. Lee also showed an example of his favorite type of collectible mint error variety. J.K. Davis proposed that the club recognize Gary for his efforts in making the club show an overwhelming success, and members unanimously agreed to present Gary with a plaque displaying a 1994 silver Eagle and an inscription of appreciation. Gary thanked the club, while stating that he felt that he was just doing his job. Fifty-one lots, submitted by the members, were auctioned off at the conclusion of the meeting.

The May 19 meeting had twenty members and three guests present. The club welcomed new member Don Demchak, of Plano. Ken Bucher, who started collecting coins at age eight and lost his eyesight at age twelve, gave a fascinating program on his unique ability to grade coins by touch and sound. Everyone was reminded that the time for club officer elections was approaching. Candidates willing to sacrifice their time to keep the club growing and healthy were sought. The meeting adjourned after an auction of forty-one lots, conducted by Bill Hixson.

--Gary Rollins, club President

The 791st meeting of the **Dallas Coin Club** was held on April 21. Twenty-two members welcomed guest Angie Dickson, who became the club's newest member. Joe Barthold announced that three more programs would be needed to fill out the year. After Frank Clark volunteered for July and Mike Grant agreed to speak in November, only August was left open. Tom Ragsdale checked out the club library's videotape on U.S. Paper Money. Victor Toogood spoke on "The Mill Coinage of England." He set the stage by describing in detail the handmade or hammered coinage of the 6th century B.C. through 16th century A.D. He then told of the invention of the screw press in



approximately 1550, and revealed that the new struck, or "milled," coinage was met with opposition from moneyers, because of their great suspicion and distrust of machinery. Victor's program was highly educational, interesting and comprehensive. Afterwards, the evening's auction of 31 items netted the club treasury \$12.78.

The May 19 meeting was called to order by President Frank Clark, and was attended by twenty-one members and guest Benny Bolin. Jim Jeska checked out the U.S. Paper Money videotape. Ben Hong donated a 6th edition Red Book from the library of DCC member #2, C.A. McGlamery, to the club. This was a wonderful gift, and will be exhibited at the 1995 TNA convention. Members who attended the 1994 TNA convention reported a very good show. DCC members serving as exhibit judges included Paul Garner and Scott Carlton. Ron Blaha announced that club wooden nickels were available from him at a cost of \$1.00 for four. It was reported that T. Homer Brooks was recently presented a certificate of thanks by the U.S. Postal Service for delivering mail in 1917 without ever receiving any sort of compensation. Also reported were the passing of former member Harold Pincus, and the relocation of Maurice Bond to San Antonio. A speedy recovery from knee surgery was wished to John Suringer. David Kyser gave the evening's program, on "Coins of the Bible," including an examination of the controversy over just which coins fall under this classification. After the program, thirty-six auction lots netted the club \$12.22.

--club newsletter (Michael P. Grant, editor)

## DISTRICT VI

The May 5 and May 12 issues of the **Clements Coin Club** newsletter, *The C-Cubed*, were highlighted by member reports on the TNA convention. Min Li Hu chronicled the club trip to Fort Worth for the show, and of the group's excursions around Dallas and Fort Worth. The club's new public relations officer, Peter Keller, also gave his impressions of the show, and he and Amy Ng pondered the significance of the 'W' in Ralph W. Ross' name. Linda A. Johnson reported that not only was the show a lot of fun, but the restaurants in the Fort Worth area were also outstanding. Asif Sayani described some good and bad buys he made on the bourse. Christine Siu listed the names of the sixteen club members that made the trip, and told of Ralph Ross' special ANA presidential award. Other members contributed to the two newsletters included Hanh Ha, Altan Guzeldere, Toral Vani, Christopher Todd, and Mike Greer, from Anchorage, Alaska, who will be attending the ANA's Summer Seminar on a scholarship. Mike will have the opportunity there to meet fellow scholarship winners Peter, Amy, Min Li, Linda and Christine.

The May 25 issue was the final one of the school year. Some lovely color photos depicted the C3 members in attendance at the March 3-5 ANA convention in New Orleans and the April 29-May 1 TNA convention



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in Fort Worth. Also captured on film was Sugar Land Mayor Lee Duggan reading a National Coin Week proclamation, surrounded by club sponsor Ralph Ross, club President Min Li Hu and Fort Bend ISD Superintendent Dr. Raj Chopra. The proclamation itself was also reproduced in the newsletter. The club's annual award winners were as follows: top recruiter, Willis Tsui; top fundraiser, Naureen Sultanali; most projects, Hanh Ha; hardest worker, Peter Keller; and special presidential plaque, Min Li Hu. 147 members were presented certificates of participation for their continuous efforts and voluntary support of the club. Silver bars, for graduating seniors recognized on the state or national level for their numismatic contributions, went to Jan Pan, Min Li Hu, Dilip Mulani, Richard Bantique, Toby Yu, Sayan Ghose, Christine Siu, Willis Tsui, Paula Gupta and Toral Vani. The club's Special Recognition Award was given to Amy Ng. Last, but not least, special thanks were expressed to Bruce Woodward of McQueeney and Paul Garner of Dallas for their generous donations in support of young numismatists. Linda Johnson received \$25 in merchandise from Bruce for having the best junior exhibit at the Greater Houston Coin Club's 37th Annual Money Show in February, and Peter Keller received a \$50 savings bond from Paul for signing up the most junior TNA members in 1993. Color photos once again captured these presentations for posterity.

--club newsletter, *The C-Cubed* (Tim Jin, editor and Amy Ng, publisher)

The May meetings of the Pasadena Coin Club were held at the Rodeway Inn at College and I-45, and everyone seemed to be pleased with the accommodations, although the cost of the room put a strain on the club's budget. Two new members, Richard Gonzalez and Byron Paris, joined the club during the month. Bill Chase requested that all members desiring a table at the club's 1994 show contact him as soon as possible. A brief article about the King of Siam proof set appeared in the May club newsletter.

Due to the high cost of the meeting room at the Rodeway Inn, it was decided to alternate meetings between that location and the Wyatt's Cafeteria, on Spencer at Burke, which offered the possibility of not charging for the room if more than half the club members were to eat at the buffet. The first Monday meetings in July and August were slated for the Rodeway, and the third Monday meetings set for Wyatt's. In another attempt to keep the club financially solvent, a dues increase was approved, with the stipulation that if a less expensive meeting place is secured, the dues increase will be rescinded. Ricky Clendennen and Carol Mickler joined the club in June, bringing the total membership to 95, including 6 junior members.

Club meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. An auction is held at each meeting.

--club newsletter

## DISTRICT VII

The May 12 meeting of the **Alamo Coin Club** was attended by twenty-two people, including a new member, a renewed member and three visitors. Daniel K. was welcomed back into the fold, and his wife was welcomed as a new member. Robert L., Vicki E. and Tom C. agreed to serve on the club's officer nominating committee. Round table items were presented by: Russell - U.S. flowing hair half dollar, several gold and platinum coins, tokens and medals of the U.S. and Mexico, and a rotated die error 1910 Lincoln cent; Eiserloh - 1920 5 and 10 centimes coins of Nice, France. Coryel - Dutch 1898 10 guilders and French 1875 20 francs, both struck in gold; Gordon - several ancient Greek and Roman bronzes which will be difficult to attribute because of their worn condition. There was some active bidding in the auction, during which 19 of 37 lots sold.

Twenty-one people, including two guests, attended the May 26 meeting. Gary W. brought his young daughter. In the absence of the president and both vice presidents, Secretary Robert J. presided, took the minutes and, with the help of Py C., conducted the auction. Round table items included Py's Hawaiian 25 and 50 cent coins of 1883, and Robert's 1841 Imperial Russian kopek and 1970 proof Panamanian 5 balboa. Robin Ellis presented a program on "Strange Paper," including unusual currency, old bank notes, souvenir notes, money orders, travelers' cheques, and fraudulent currency. The auction sold 36 of the overwhelming 123 lots offered. Limited time prevented aggressive, competitive bidding on such a vast number of lots.

The June newsletter carried a narrative about three ships that were lost in the English Channel during a storm on January 24, 1809, and recounted that copper coins, only slightly corroded, were recovered from one of them in 1985.

Thirteen members were joined by visitors Kim and Jeffery Gale at the June 9 meeting. Round table items were presented by Lou R., Will R., Py C. and Harold E. Lou displayed items recommended by his father many years ago: buffalo nickels, coins depicting women, and a 1922 cent without a mintmark. Will had a silver with gold cameo Canadian aviation history set, in an appropriate round ended aluminum case. Py showed an uncirculated 1883 Hawaiian silver dime and 1866 Mexican 50 centavos. Harold brought an 1809 British East India Company 20 cash coin recovered from the shipwreck described in the June newsletter. The club voted to limit the total number of auction lots on program nights to a maximum of 50. Another vote approved a contribution of \$20 to the ANA Convention program, for which the club will be listed in the program. It was announced that former member Walter Clavette had relocated to Rhode Island. 28 of 64 auction lots sold, and Tom C. donated four 3-ring binders to the club for auction.

Fifteen members and 2 visitors came out for the June 23 meeting. It was a pleasure to see that Gary W. and his daughter Nellie were still in

town and in attendance. For the round table, Tom C. brought a Roman bronze Dupondius, featuring Faustina Jr., the wife of Marcus Aurelius, and Ed F. had some red meat ration tokens from World War II. The nominating committee had been unable to meet, thus postponed its report. The auction of 80 lots included some gold. 27 lots sold.

The July newsletter included a well-researched article, intended to serve as an introduction to the planned July 14 program, "Coinage Preceding and During the Crusades." Excellent reading!

--club newsletter, *The Alamo News* (Harold Eiserloh, editor)

The May 5 Gateway Coin Club meeting was opened with 27 members and a guest in attendance. Members welcomed visitor William Berry, who applied for membership before the meeting ended. After the business meeting, there was a round table discussion. Doc Grover brought a Denver Mountain Park medal depicting Lookout Mountain, and Ed Witt showed an Australian Royal Mint uncirculated coin set and an attractive folder of the new Australian currency. The meeting closed with a lively numismatic auction, in which many members participated.

Program night, May 19, was attended by 19 members and 8 visitors. The evening's guests included Margie Enney, Todd Lindhurst, Rick Rios, and Katrina and Danny Kosub. Miriam Gilmore brought the other three guests, granddaughter Karen Davidhizar, Karen's son Derek, and friend Hannalore Pettit. The club gained five new members that evening: Rick, Hannalore, Katrina, Danny and Todd. A pleasant surprise was the attendance of member Vincent Grubb, who now resides in California. Ray Tate reported that 26 tables were sold for the show, leaving room for only two exhibits, one each by Robert Lacewell and Miriam. A motion was made and approved to send a gratuity and thank you to Rufus Miller, from the Oak Hills Motor Inn, for his outstanding help during the show. At the round table, Ed Witt gave everyone 1994 Fiesta San Antonio pinbacks, Jim English proudly displayed his set of early Hawaiian coins, and Vicki English brought a collection of lottery tickets. The educational program was by Doc Grover, who brought a variety of coins featuring animals. Although most animals were identified, Doc asked members to help him identify others, thus challenging not only their numismatic knowledge, but also their familiarity with the animal kingdom. The interesting program was followed by a mini-auction, also conducted by Doc.

The June 2 auction night meeting was attended by 18 members and 4 visitors, Margie Enney, Don Knapp and Kim and Jeffery Gale. Margie became the club's newest member that evening. Marianne Hunter reported that the letter of appreciation and check had been sent to Mr. Miller. Round table participants included Robert Lacewell, who brought some new lottery tokens, and Jerry Cook, who showed an interesting 1792 silver coin. A spirited auction was conducted by Robert Lacewell, who was very successful in selling many numismatic lots.

President Frank Galindo opened the June 16 meeting with 19 members and 3 visitors present. The guests were Don and Ann Knapp and Julia Kenny. Don became the club's newest member. Ray Tate announced that the club's 1995 show dates were set for May 6-7. The round table discussion was energetic and entertaining, as members showed a variety of items. Ed Witt brought photos of past club activities, and a newspaper article featuring a photo of Ed as he purchased the new WWII 50th anniversary D-Day stamps. He also spoke of his participation in the liberation of Rome during WWII. Lou Rangel brought a 1922 "plain" Lincoln cent. Don Knapp showed a beautiful silver ten dollar gaming token from Las Vegas, and Don Hunter brought new proof and mint sets of Canadian coins. The educational program was presented by Frank Galindo. His topic was "Collecting Silver Screen Cowboy Tokens, Medals and Memorabilia." He opened his program with a background narrative on movie cowboys. Items shown to members included Six-Gun Hero tokens, medals, paper currency, and even a Buck Jones Daisy air rifle and some vintage Roy Rogers and Gene Autry merchandising ads. After the program, Doc Grover conducted a brisk mini-auction that was exciting and a lot of fun.

The July-August newsletter had an informative article, "Stretching Your Money," written by Frank Galindo. Frank gave a brief history of elongated coins, and discussed the collectibility of both older and modern elongates. The newsletter also reported on the May 14-15 club show, saying that both dealers and attendees were very pleased with the results. Thanks were expressed to bourse chairman Ray Tate, exhibitors Miriam Gilmore and Robert Lacewell, as well as volunteers Marianne and Don Hunter, Frank and Karla Galindo, Py and Gwen Coryell, Hannalore Pettit, Julie and Vinny Venturelli, Ed Witt, Harry Allen, Wayne Gordon and Robert Jenkins. A welcome went out to O.C. "Butch" Muennink, Bucky Densford and Damon Funkhouser, all of whom joined the club during the show.

--club newsletter, *The Gatepost* (Frank Galindo, editor)

## DISTRICT IX

Thirty members and a guest gathered at Lubbock's Precinct #1 Clubhouse for the June 6 meeting of the **South Plains Coin Club**. Hanson Ling conducted the meeting in the absence of President Bobby McMichael. Secretary-Treasurer James Golden reported that the club is financially sound, and that the 1995 club show is tentatively set for March 24-25, due to scheduling conflicts at the Civic Center for the traditional third weekend in March. James also read a thank you from the family of recently deceased member, George Sukenis. The club voted to purchase door prizes for the show, by sealed bids. Another vote approved a hot dog cookout for members and guests at the July meeting. After the business meeting, members engaged in a bourse.

Hot dogs were enjoyed by 41 members and guests at the July 4 picnic.



meeting. Members approved the 1995 show dates and voted to accept a bid from Ed Chauncey Rare Coins for the door prizes. A committee was appointed to start arrangements for the club's Christmas party and benefit auction. A round of applause went to Mrs. Sharon Rice for work on behalf of the coin club. Hanson Ling gave an interesting program about Russian military medals, and displayed part of his collections. An auction, conducted by Jacobs and Ling, followed the program.

--Lamonte Pitzer, District IX Governor

## DISTRICT XI

The May 30 issue of the **Golden Spread Coin Club** newsletter ran a challenging puzzle involving four coin collectors, reported news from the TNA convention, and sent birthday and anniversary wishes to more than a dozen club members. Darrell Tipton, Lois Stewart, Jim Laub, Alan Garrett and Ruth Dotts were the birthday celebrants, and Franky & Charlotte Hill, David & Janice Cass, Mr. & Mrs. John Speer, Dr. & Mrs. Charles Seward, and R.J. & Jessie Hansen were the happy couples. A welcome went to new member Harold Taylor, who heard about the club during National Coin Week. During the May meeting, TNA convention activities were reported by Nela Runkle, Jerry Davidson, Linda Runkle and R.J. Hansen. Ron Hoskins' program on buffalo nickels was postponed, due to overtime at work. Congratulations were extended to Nela Runkle for her selection to the TNA Hall of Fame, and for her work on the club's newsletter, judged by TNA to be the best in the state in 1993.

The June 27 newsletter wished happy birthdays to: Kerry and Terry Dittrich, Ann Wilson, Jerry Davidson, R.J. Hansen, Nold Cummings, John and David Bitting, Dr. Wm. Stout, Curtis Maple, Paula Winkles, Chralie Tollett, and Lloyd Colvin, and happy anniversaries to Gordon & Hollis Boyle, Nela & Francis Runkle, Homer & Ruth Dotts and Ann & Roy Wilson. It was reported that member Roy Wilson has been undergoing treatments for cancer and that Bud Wolfe's wife is recuperating from a stroke. For the June 6 meeting's Show and Tell, Jessie Caylor brought two elongated cents from the Fort Worth zoo, depicting a snake and a longhorn steer; C.C. Stewart showed an old good luck charm from Baltimore, MD, containing a lucky penny; Jerry Davidson had a medal from Caney, KS, featuring a gas well, J.R. Lopez displayed the Apollo 11 First Man on the Moon commemorative piece; Neal had some wooden nickels from Waterville, WA and Manhattan, KS, and Tommy Tompkins showed a complete set of uncirculated Mercury dimes. Newsletter readers' brains were teased by an eight question presidential trivia quiz. Also in the June issue was a detailed description of plans and volunteer responsibilities for the club's August 6-7 show. Three educational forums were announced for the show, and the ANA grading tape was to be available for viewing in the bourse area at any time

--club newsletter (Nela Runkle, editor)

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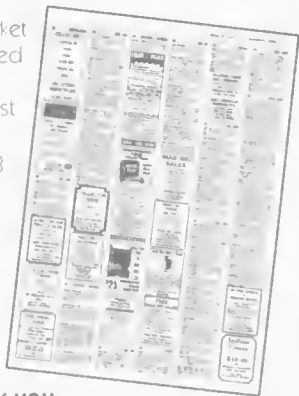
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## DISTRICT XIV

There were 22 people present at the March 2 meeting of the **Hidalgo Coin Club of the Rio Grande Valley**. Mike Di Gennaro reported that the club's February 12 show was very successful, with 42 tables sold and approximately 400 people in attendance. The club voted to hold the 1995 show on February 11 at the Pharr Civic Center. Helen Snider reported on the upcoming TNA convention and invited attendees to look over the book auction catalog and give their bids to her for execution in Fort Worth. Rod Bates spoke on Federal Notes. Jackson Dillon told about coin company approval systems, and expressed a big thank you to club members for their friendship.

At the April 6 meeting, 25 people were present. Harold Barrett gave a program on money of the Philippine Islands, Japanese invasion money and other military scrip.

--Helen Snider, District XIV Governor

## DISTRICT XV

The March 17 meeting of the **Beaumont Coin Club** was called to order by President Ed White. There were 12 people in attendance. After some discussion of the pros and cons of a No Smoking policy for the show, Jerry Williams made a motion to adopt such a policy, Barbara Edwards seconded it, and it was approved. Several members reported that they had participated in the National Coin Week coin drop. Art Larkin reported that net proceeds from the spring show would amount to about \$175 for each of the four sponsoring clubs. Jerry Williams reminded everyone of the upcoming TNA convention, and offered to execute bids in the book auction for any members who would be unable to attend. Jerry also had some interesting "Did You Knows" for everyone. Ken Seholm, secretary of the Port Arthur club, gave an interesting and informative program on Barber dimes. After a short break, an auction was held and the meeting adjourned.

The May 19 meeting was called to order by Vice President Jerry Williams. Eight people were present. David Newton declared his need to step down as club treasurer and as keeper of accounts for the Southeast Texas Coin & Collectibles Show. Secretary Judy Matherne agreed to complete David's term as treasurer. Doc Livingston proposed that Art Larkin, Ed White, Judy and Jerry be approved for signing club checks, since there were only two approved signers and two signatures were required. The motion was seconded by Jim Cawley and approved by those present. Barbara Edwards and Jerry reported on the recent TNA show. Jerry did the month's "Did You Knows," which were very good. Doc handed out information on New York's West Point mint, which was built in 1938, and a brief discussion of the mint ensued. Due to the low turnout, Jerry's program and the auction were postponed. After a sampling of homemade cookies, provided by Jim, the meeting adjourned.

--Kay Crain, reporter and Judy Matherne, club Secretary

Attendees at the April 14 meeting of the **Greater Orange Coin Club** were treated to an insightful program by a non-collector, James Zay Roberts, on the reasons someone might collect coins. He proposed three primary reasons: beauty, history and potential for profit. James was also the lucky recipient of two doorprizes that evening. After the program, everyone was encouraged to think about ways to promote and increase attendance at the Southeast Texas Coin & Collectibles Show.

The May 12 meeting was highlighted by a program by Ken Seholm on collecting and grading Buffalo nickels. Ken has become a local expert on cherry-picking the series. April's guest speaker, James Zay Roberts, became the club's newest member, bringing the total membership to 11.

The club meets at 7:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month in the Thomen Community Center in Orange.

--J.P. Barnes, club Secretary

The May 5 meeting of the **Port Arthur Coin Club** had 11 members and no visitors in attendance. Judy Matherne gave a report on the April 21-24 Early American Copper convention in Las Vegas. Jerry Williams reported on the April 29-May 1 TNA convention in Fort Worth, noting two firsts: \$2.00 admission was charged to non-members, and a souvenir telephone card was issued and sold by the TNA. The dates for the fall Southeast Texas Coins & Collectibles Show were announced as October 22-23. The evening's program was on repunched and overpunched mint marks. Jerry gave his "Did You Knows."

Thirteen members and one visitor, Roxane Seholm, attended the June 2 meeting. Attending members voted in favor of sending a \$25.00 donation to the ANA to sponsor the Detroit show at the end of July. Ray and Jerry indicated that they would report on the proposed Lloyd Buss Award during the July meeting. Judy passed around a British Royal Mint Commemorative honoring the 50th anniversary of D-day. Joe Scott gave an excellent, informative presentation on his numismatic love, Japanese coins. Joe reported that, in his experience, Japanese coins are typically assigned one of four grades: uncirculated, about uncirculated, extra fine and good. He pointed out that the era of collectible Japanese coins begins about 1868, when they took on a more modern look. Joe also noted that most pre-1868 Japanese gold coins were bought up by Westerners because of their high gold content.

--club newsletter, *Dollars and Cents* (Ken Seholm, editor)

Jerry Williams, president, called the April 26 meeting of the **Silsbee Coin Club** to order, and led the pledge to the flag. Eleven members and three guests, Bill Moore, Paula Simmons and Mervin Ashmore, were present. Bill and Paula were later voted in as new members. Art Larkin gave a report on behalf of the show committee. Jerry reminded everyone of the upcoming TNA convention and John Barnes reported on

the Lake Charles show. After some delay, Zeke Provost finally received his past president's medal. Zeke also gave the evening's program, on the Stone Mountain half dollar, his favorite commemorative coin. After the program, Jerry had ten "Did You Knows," and there was a short auction.

On May 31, nine members and two visitors were present when Jerry called the meeting to order and led the pledge. Silsbee school teacher Doug Buffington and Miami, Florida resident Anabel Gumabon were the visitors. Doug also became the club's newest member. The club's annual auction was set for the August meeting, and everyone was asked to bring the items they will be offering for sale to the July meeting so that Bill Stein has time to get a list of them compiled. Judy Matherne talked about the British Mint's D-day commemorative, and donated an example as an extra door prize. Jerry once again stumped many of those present with his "Did you knows" and gave an excellent program on the TNA.

--club newsletter (Barbara Edwards, editor)

#### DISTRICT XVII

The May 12 meeting of the **Waco Coin Club** was attended by 21 members and 3 visitors. Estel (Mrs. Jay) Larsen was welcomed as a new member. Greeted as visitors were Claude Albinger of Temple and James Van Zandt of Waco. Fred Gowdy, newly appointed TNA District 17 Governor, gave a report on the recent TNA convention. Fred displayed one of the TNA telephone cards, and passed out some of the souvenir elongated cents. The June newsletter had an interesting piece entitled, "This Day in Numismatic History," discussing the June 9, 1837 authorization by the Republic of Texas of its first issue of formal currency.

Nineteen members attended the club's June 9 meeting. The highlight of the evening was a display of Republic of Texas paper money by Joe Olson, who also outlined the monetary history of Texas' formative years. Items in the display ranged from warrants to the last issue of currency, including an example that was issued after statehood. Several examples of Star Notes, the first formal currency of the Republic, were featured in the exhibit. Included in the auction, which concluded the meeting, was a 1914-D cent. The July newsletter recalled President Fillmore's signing, on July 3, 1852, of the bill authorizing the establishment of a branch mint in California. A brief discussion of the mint's early years was included.

--club newsletter, **WACOINews** (J.P. Jones and George Kubal, co-editors)

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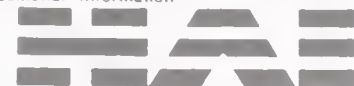
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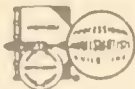
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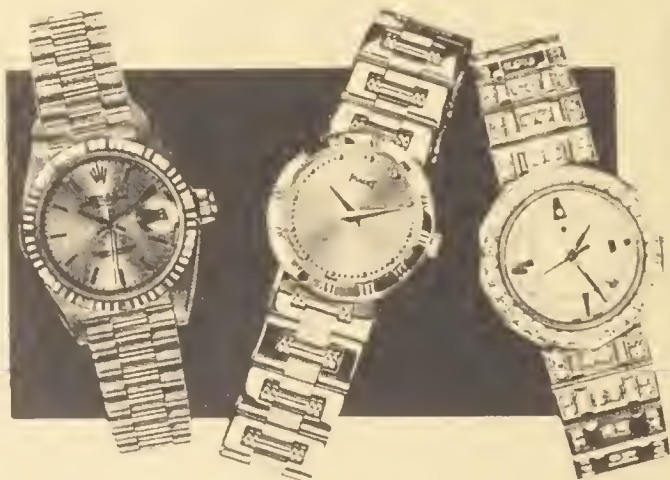


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